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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

JASON EDWARD THOMAS
CARDIFF,

Defendant.

Case No. 5:23-cr-00021-JGB

**DECLARATION OF STEPHEN R.
COCHELL IN SUPPORT OF
JASON CARDIFF'S EX PARTE
APPLICATION TO RESET
HEARING AS VIDEO
CONFERENCE**

*[Filed concurrently with Ex Parte
Application and [Proposed] Order]*

1 DECLARATION OF STEPHEN R. COCHELL

2 I, Stephen R. Cochell, declare as follows:

3 1. I represent Jason Cardiff in this matter. I make this declaration in support
4 of Jason Cardiff's Ex Parte Application for an Order resetting the January 13, 2025
5 hearings and conduct oral argument on the motions in a video conference

6 2. Counsel has been monitoring the news of the wildfires in Los Angeles and
7 which have apparently affected Riverside. The wildfires that have ravaged Los
8 Angeles, have caused deaths, destruction of numerous homes, traffic backups (and
9 abandoned vehicles) and pollution caused by smoke.

10 3. Counsel makes the request for a video conference because his airline
11 tickets have him landing in Los Angeles as LAX on Sunday to assure that he makes
12 the hearing on time. It is uncertain whether the wildfires will continue or even
13 worsen in the Los Angeles area. To avoid any risk to health or safety, a video
14 conference is in the best interest of both the Government and Plaintiff's counsel. A
15 copy of the email exchange is attached to this declaration.

16 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of
17 America that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

18 Executed on this 9th day of January, 2025, at Houston Texas.

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20 /s/ Stephen R. Cochell
21 Stephen R. Cochell

22 Dated: January 9, 2025
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Re: [EXTERNAL] Hearing on Monday

1 message

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Thu, Jan 9, 2025 at 12:43 PM

To: Stephen Cochell <srcochell@gmail.com>

Cc: "Makarewicz, Valerie (USACAC)" <Valerie.Makarewicz@usdoj.gov>

Stephen,

We cannot agree to a zoom hearing, but we understand the concern. We are amenable to a continuance to the next available hearing date, which appears to be Monday, January 27.

Best Regards,

Manu J. Sebastian

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On Jan 9, 2025, at 12:57 PM, Stephen Cochell <srcochell@gmail.com> wrote:

In light of the fires raging in the LA area (and no end in sight), I suggest that we do the hearing by zoom.

Do you concur?

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Stephen R. Cochell

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Shall Be [REDACTED] Hearing on Monday

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